



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 14th March 2019

Dear Parents,

There seems to be something positive happening every day at Avondale Primary School. I'm happy to say that our school is a vibrant community of parents, students and staff. The positive attitude of our students and teachers is motivational and I love working in an environment that really does focus on achievement, confidence and pride. Assembly this morning was inspirational. Our school captains along with their leadership group beautifully presented our school's anti bullying message to our whole community. It was done simply but effectively. Well done!





SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Yesterday the counting of votes for the four school council vacancies took place in the staffroom. The count was witnessed by Andrew Barker (school council member) and Maria Zerowsky our office manager. The scrutineers were Jenna Heywood (acting assistant principal), Ros Blake and myself. I would like to thank all the candidates and members of our school community who registered a vote. All of the candidates were well supported.

Following the count, I can now officially declare that the four vacant positions will be occupied for the next 2 years by: Isabelle Sawtell, Sally Stevens, Jaclyn Coleman and Joe Kersh.

LEARNING SPECIALIST

An important goal for our school this year is to develop student voice within the school. Our aim is to enhance students' capacity as resilient, mindful, creative, inclusive and resourceful learners. I'm pleased to announce that Amanda Gerace has been appointed as our Learning Specialist with a focus on student voice. Amanda will continue to work as the grade 34D teacher but will be released for 3 sessions a week to work with teachers and students. Nick Boffa will release Amanda for those sessions and will implement a 7 Steps to Writing Program with 34D.

SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY

There will be no assembly this Friday. The senior school will be departing for Aberfeldie Park soon after 9.00am. Students from grades 3-6 will need to be at school at 8.50am or they may risk being left behind. This is our first senior athletics day and will provide our senior school students with a much wider range of athletic events. Students should be back at school by 3.15pm. We encourage parents to allow their children to return to school by bus but if there are collected from the track then they must collect a sign out slip from Ms Portelli who will be wearing a red fluorescent vest and stationed near the pedestrian gate. This slip will then need to be handed to your child's classroom teacher.



MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

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Fri 15	Senior Athletics Day grades 3-6 Second hand uniform Shop 8:30 - 9am
Mon 18	Parent Information Evening – Bully Zero Presentation 6:30 BER building
Tue 19	School Council AGM 7:30pm
Wed 20	Bully Zero Presentation Grades Prep-6
Fri 22	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Ascot Vale V Avondale (Away) Second hand uniform Shop 8:30 - 9am
Wed 27	Whole School Photos *Students to <i>bring photo envelopes and money on this day</i>
Fri 29	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Avondale V Kensington (Home)

Pupils of the week on Friday 8th March

Prep A – Amirali	One A – Olivia C	3/4 A – Aarav
Prep B – Quinn P	One B – Ethan H	3/4 B – Eliza S
Prep C – Navya C	One C – Affan A	3/4 C – Clarrie W
Prep D – Simon N	Two A – Daniel S	3/4 D - Yuana
	Two B – Adriano P	
	1/2 A – Chantelle D	
4/5A – Abbey J	5/6 B – Diana S	5/6 D – Aimon T
5/6 A – Matthew H	5/6 C – Ceyenne C	LOTE – Haris 1C

Notice to Parents

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.